

Burnbrae Nursery Newsletter

April 2017

Learning Environment

At Burnbrae Nursery we are aiming to create a calm and natural environment. We are currently sourcing new resources and a list of what we are looking for is displayed on the main noticeboard. Your feedback on our learning environment and results of the survey completed in November can be viewed in Nursery in our Self Evaluation folder. You can also view the results online using the following link: <https://prezi.com/llybxboryqjm/learning-environment-survey-2016/>To further support our plans we would appreciate your continued feedback and suggestions. You can leave feedback in our suggestions box in Nursery, online by tweeting us **@burnbraeearly** or using our follow up survey. The follow up survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZRJW5HT>

Bringing toys to Nursery

We like to encourage children to keep their own toys at home as often toys go missing or get broken. We appreciate some children depend on certain toys to support transition from home so please speak to a member of staff if you feel your child needs to bring something in.

Planning

Within Nursery we have a planning wall which we would like to invite you to contribute towards. Please use the post it notes on the wall to tell us if your child has any strong interests which develop at home so we can support their interests in Nursery. A breakdown of our fortnightly plan is shared on the main notice board, twitter and the new school facebook group.

Sharing our Learning

You are welcome to join us at group time in Nursery this term on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 2nd May**
- **Wednesday 17th May**
- **Monday 29th May**

Doors will open early at 11am or 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you to Nursery.

P1 Transition

We have planned a number of events to support your child throughout their transition to Burnbrae Primary and dates will be sent home very soon. You are welcome to attend all the events or choose to join us only on the dates which suit you.

We have also set up an online wall where you can post any questions you may have or share ideas with others. The link can be found on the school website. We will also regularly post updates on the main noticeboard in Nursery.

Staff

I am delighted to announce we have successfully appointed Kimberly Abrahams Senior Child Care and Development Worker and look forward to welcoming her on May 2nd. Dawn and Kimberley will work closely together to ensure the Nursery continues to grow and provide a rich environment for all learners. Both seniors will have responsibility for supporting staff, while ensuring observations, pastoral paperwork, medical records and reporting is consistently recorded.

Nursery groups are now as follows:

- **Red** – AM Kimberly Abrahams /PM Dawn Coatham
- **Green** – Marie Abrahams
- **Purple** – Avril Carmichael/Debs McNulty
- **Yellow** – Susan Carchie
- **Blue** – Stephanie Kitching

We are also fortunate to be supported by our colleagues from the Lawsswade Early Years Community. Nicky Stanage Class Teacher, Deborah Taylor Child Care and Development Worker and Clare Ferguson Principal Teacher are regular faces within Burnbrae Nursery. Nicky has been asked to focus on supporting our children with ASN and supporting staff with learning journals, observations, tracking and monitoring.

The Button Box



We are now collecting for The Button Box. The Button Box is a community children's clothing project based in Midlothian. They are a group of volunteers working in partnership with local residents and businesses to offer a variety of opportunities for families to come together for a 'cuppa and a chat, to donate and collect free clothing. They collect children's clothing donations (age 0-16yrs) all year round through various collection and drop off points. They then hold events throughout the year for families to access FREE clothing for their growing families.

Fundraising

We would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement with our responsive Nursery Nativity back in December. We were inspired by the efforts the children made to independently vote, plan and deliver an inclusive nativity. We are delighted with all the feedback we received. As result of your generosity and support for our Christmas fundraiser we raised a total of £620. All children were involved in a vote to decide where the money went and the deciding vote allowed us to purchase a new Community Playthings kitchen for the home area.

Red Nose Day took place on Friday 24th March. Children were fully involved in planning the day and after watching a clip of previous red nose day activities they planned a beans in bathtub event. From this event we were delighted to raise a total of £464.

On Thursday 30th March we held a shared learning and Easter event. We would like to thank everyone who joined us on the day. We raised £196 from the bake sale and this will allow us to purchase necessary resources for the Nursery